

Rising Generations Summit FAQ

About the Rising Generations Summit (RGS)

What is the Rising Generations Summit?

The Rising Generations Summit is an action-packed event focused on skill-building and leadership development training to empower young people to create change in their communities. It's not just another sit-and-listen event – it's a movement!

When and where is the event taking place?

- **Date:** Saturday, June 7, 2025
- **Location:** Washington, DC. The venue will be announced closer to the event.
- **Time:** 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM ET

Where can you apply?

The application can be found on the [CRG website here](#).

Who can apply to attend?

- Youth aged 14–18 from across the U.S., including all 50 states, DC, and Puerto Rico.
- For youth under 18, a chaperone will be required. Parents and chaperones will be invited to the event to participate in parallel programming.

How many youth delegates will be selected?

More than 100 youth delegates will be selected through a competitive application process, across backgrounds, viewpoints, and geographies.

What does the application process involve?

- Applicants will need to complete an application outlining their interest and experience.
- Applications close on **April 25, 2025, at 11:59 PM ET**.
- Applicants will be notified of their status by **May 2, 2025**.

What costs are covered for attendees?

Travel and accommodations for youth delegates and adult chaperones will be fully covered by the Center for Rising Generations.

What Will Happen at the Summit?

What can youth delegates expect?

- **Training:** Skill-building sessions focused on leadership development and effective advocacy and action.
- **Networking:** Opportunities to build relationships with peers and next-gen disruptors, as well as meeting with youth-led organizations driving meaningful change in communities.
- **Exploring Community Challenges and Solutions:** Deep dives into real-life issues at the local level.

How will parents and chaperones be involved?

Parents and chaperones will participate in parallel programming focused on:

- Supporting young civic leaders
- Stakeholder engagement techniques
- Mentorship strategies

What are the key goals of the Summit?

1. **Empower youth** – Provide the tools and skills for effective leadership.
2. **Build connections** – Establish meaningful relationships with peers and mentors.
3. **Catalyze action** – Equip young people to drive change at the local and national levels.

What Happens After the Summit?

What opportunities will youth delegates have after the event?

- **Community Engagement:** Youth delegates will apply their skills to local issues in their communities while engaging with mentors and partners.
- **Ongoing Support:** Youth delegates will collaborate with peers and CRG staff to ensure access to the tools they need to drive real change in their communities.

What resources will be available to youth delegates?

Youth delegates will have access to:

- Digital tools for leadership development
- Mentorship

- Networking opportunities with impact leaders and partners

Why It Matters

Why is youth participation in policymaking important?

- Young people are directly impacted by policy decisions but are often underrepresented in decision-making.
- Strengthening youth involvement in decision-making supports civic engagement and improves democracy.
- Youth-led policy solutions are critical to driving innovative and effective change.

How does CRG's approach make a difference?

By empowering young people with the tools and platforms they need to engage in the decision-making process, CRG ensures that decisions on the issues that matter are informed by those most affected. Intergenerational collaboration strengthens the process and outcomes.

What is the Center for Rising Generations (CRG)?

The Center for Rising Generations at the Aspen Institute was established in 2024 through a transformational investment from the Bezos Family Foundation. Enhancing youth and young adult leadership is a key pillar of the Aspen Institute's strategic plan, and the Rising Generations Summit represents a critical opportunity to ignite the leadership potential and civic engagement of young people around the country.

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Who leads CRG?

CRG is led by Kaya Henderson, Executive Vice President and Executive Director. She has dedicated her career to expanding opportunities for young people as a teacher, leader, and entrepreneur.

What is the mission of CRG?

CRG is dedicated to making civil dialogue, civic engagement, and leadership development a predictable part of the journey to adulthood in the U.S. and globally.

What programs are part of CRG?

CRG includes several Aspen Institute programs focused on youth engagement and leadership:

- Aspen Challenge
- Aspen Young Leaders Fellowship
- Stevens Initiative
- Education & Society Program

What is CRG focused on?

CRG is committed to making sure that the voices of young people are heard, that their ideas are amplified, and that they have the opportunity to lead on the topics that matter the most.

Where can I find more information about CRG?

For more details about the Center for Rising Generations or the Rising Generation Summit, visit the [CRG website](#) or follow us on [LinkedIn](#).